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2116

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Applicant requests review of the final rejection in the above-identified application. No amendments are being filed with this request.

This request is being filed with a notice of appeal.

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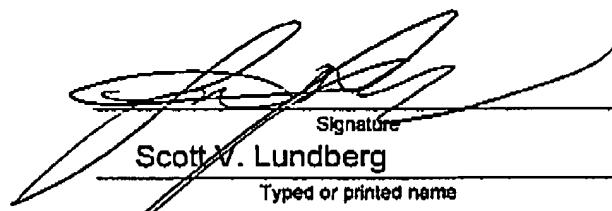
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Title: RESILIENT BOOT PROM LOADER		

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Applicant has reviewed the Final Office Action mailed on August 30, 2005 in view of the new Pre-Appeal Brief Conference announced in the Official Gazette on July 12, 2005. To take advantage of this new procedure, Applicant respectfully requests that the following issues be considered in the Pre-Appeal Brief Conference.

REMARKS

A. Rejection of claims 27-29, 32, 75-77 and 79-80 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e)

The Examiner rejected claims 27-29, 32, 75-77 and 79-80 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ha (U.S. Patent No. 6,175,919).

As indicated on page 19 of Applicant's Amendment and Response filed 22 June 2005, Ha does not teach or suggest initiating a firmware upgrade without an administrator based on the device ID of each of the one or more communication devices. Applicant respectfully contends that the Examiner erred in suggesting that Ha initiates a firmware upgrade without an administrator based on the device ID of each of the one or more communication devices (see Final Office Action, page 3). Further, Applicant respectfully asserts that the Examiner erred in omitting an essential element required by Ha to anticipate the claim limitations as indicated on page 19 of Applicant's Amendment and Response filed 22 June 2005. Specifically, Ha does not disclose *initiating a firmware upgrade without an administrator based on the device ID*, as

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argued on pages 17 and 19 of Applicant's Amendment and Response filed 22 June 2005 (emphasis added).

B. Rejection of claims 33 and 78 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 33 and 78 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable by Ha. Applicant refers to remarks A. presented above regarding Ha.

C. Rejection of claims 1-5, 7, 10, 12-13, 15-19, 30, 69-73 and 81 under 35 USC § 103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5, 7, 10, 12-13, 15-19, 30, 69-73 and 81 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ha in view of Itoh (U.S. Patent 6,795,912). Applicant refers to remarks A. and B. presented above regarding Ha.

Regarding Itoh, Applicant respectfully contends that neither Ha nor Itoh, alone or in combination, teach or suggest the limitations of claims 1-5, 7, 10, 12-13, 15-19, 30, 69-73 and 81, as presented in pages 22 to 25 of Applicant's Amendment and Response filed 22 June 2005.

D. Rejection of claims 6, 8-9, 11 and 74 under 35 USC § 103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 6, 8-9, 11 and 74 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ha and Itoh in view of Ishibashi et al. (U.S. Patent 6,654,820). Applicant refers to remarks A. through C. presented above regarding Ha and Itoh.

Regarding Ishibashi et al., Applicant refers to remarks A. through C. presented above, and to the previous arguments presented on page 26 of Applicant's Amendment and Response filed 22 June 2005.

E. Rejection of claim 14 under 35 USC § 103(a)

The Examiner rejected claim 14 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ha together with Itoh in view of Treu (U.S. Patent 5,245,615). Applicant refers to remarks A. through C. presented above regarding Ha and Itoh, and to the previous arguments presented on page 26 of Applicant's Amendment and Response filed 22 June 2005.

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F. Rejection of claim 31 under 35 USC § 103(a)

The Examiner rejected claim 31 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ha in view of Ishibashi et al. Applicant refers to remark A. presented above regarding Ha, and to the previous arguments presented on page 27 of Applicant's Amendment and Response filed 22 June 2005.

G. Rejection of claims 20-23 and 25-26 under 35 USC § 103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 20-23 and 25-26 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ha in view of Itoh and Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA). Applicant refers to remarks A. through C. presented above regarding Ha and Itoh, and to the previous arguments presented on page 28 of Applicant's Amendment and Response filed 22 June 2005.

H. Rejection of claim 24 under 35 USC § 103(a)

The Examiner rejected claim 24 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ha and Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA) and Itoh in further view of Ishibashi. Applicant refers to remarks A. through C. presented above regarding Ha and Itoh, and to the previous arguments presented on page 28 of Applicant's Amendment and Response filed 22 June 2005.

I. Rejection of claims 34-37 and 39-40 under 35 USC § 103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 34-37 and 39-40 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ha in further view of Itoh and Comer, "Computer Networks and Internets". Applicant refers to remarks A. through C. presented above regarding Ha and Itoh, and to the previous arguments presented on page 29 of Applicant's Amendment and Response filed 22 June 2005.

J. Rejection of claim 38 under 35 USC § 103(a)

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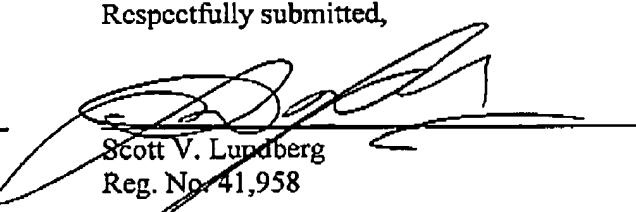
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The Examiner rejected claim 38 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ha, Itoh and Comer in further view of Ishibashi et al. Applicant refers to remarks A. through C. presented above regarding Ha and Itoh, and to the previous arguments presented on page 30 of Applicant's Amendment and Response filed 22 June 2005.

Please direct any inquiry concerning this matter to the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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